IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method for the selective delivery of data to an application (as herein defined) by means of unidirectional communication, comprising associating with the data prior to transmission a status indicator, transmitting the data and status indicator, receiving the data and status indicator, ascertaining a present status (as herein defined) of the application, comparing the ascertained present status with the status indicator, and enabling the application to read the data if the ascertained present status of the application is within the scope of the status defined by the status indicator and inhibiting the application from reading the data otherwise; wherein the data and status indicator are transmitted in accordance with the Digital Storage Media Command and Control (DSM-CC) protocol.

2. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the status indicator defines a location.

3. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 2, in which the location comprises at least two co-ordinates.

4. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 2, in which the location comprises a predefined area.

5. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the status indicator defines a combination of location and rate of change of location.

6. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the status indicator defines at least one climatic condition.

7. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the status indicator comprises at least a directory name.

8. (Previously presented) A communication system operating in accordance with the method claimed in claim 1, comprising means for associating with data prior to transmission a status indicator, means for transmitting the data and status indicator, means for receiving the data and status indicator, means for ascertaining a present status (as herein defined) of an application (as herein defined), and means for comparing the ascertained present status with the status indicator and enabling the application to read the data if the ascertained present status of the application is within the scope of the status defined by the status indicator and inhibiting the application from reading the data otherwise.

9. (Previously presented) Encoding apparatus for use in a communication system as claimed in claim 8, comprising means for associating with data prior to transmission a status indicator which defines a status (as herein defined) to be used as a data filtering criterion, whereby an application (as herein defined) may read the data only if the status of the application is within the scope of the status defined by the status indicator.

10. (Previously presented) Data filtering apparatus for use in a communication system as claimed in claim 8, comprising means for comparing a present status (as herein defined) of an application (as herein defined) with a status indicator associated with transmitted data, and means for enabling the application to read the data if the present status of the application is within the scope of the status defined by the status indicator and inhibiting the application from reading the data otherwise.

11. (Previously presented) A receiving station for use in a communication system as claimed in claim 8, comprising means for receiving data and a status indicator associated with the data, means for ascertaining a present status (as herein defined) of an application (as herein defined), means for comparing the ascertained present status of the application with the status indicator, and means for enabling the application to read the data if the ascertained present status of the application is within the scope of the status defined by the status indicator and inhibiting the application from reading the data otherwise.

12. (Previously presented) A receiving station as claimed in claim 11, in which the means for ascertaining a present status of an application is an input means for receiving information about the present status of the application.